

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2013

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Ira Berkowitz, Brad Bernstein, Mimi Deem, Marguerite Garrick, Michelle Harris, Darryl Higuchi, Eric Schneider, and Melanie Tamsky

Absent: Laurel Harrington, Andrea Maddox-Dallas and Mark Stapleton

Also Present: Patty DeForrest and Denise Ucinski.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Naming Requests:

Moneta Garden – Ms. DeForrest stated that a naming request was submitted by the Clayton Century Foundation (CCF) to name the nature garden on the north end of Shaw Park the Moneta Garden. (See attached application for additional details.) Moneta Group donated \$75,000 through the CCF which will fund one hundred percent of the project. In recognition of this donation, the CCF- Arts requested the garden be referred to as the Moneta Garden on signage and park maps. Ms. DeForrest indicated that other gardens have been named in Clayton parks. Moneta Group is a Registered Investment Advisor firm that has operated in Clayton for many years.

Mr. Higuchi said the naming rights policy is broadly written which leaves room for interpretation. Ms. Harris responded to Mr. Higuchi; she said the way the policy was written left room for flexibility. The Commission would like further clarification about the naming rights procedure. Ms. DeForrest will provide a cover memo explaining the background of the donor and a summary of the project before asking the Commission to make naming rights recommendations.

After the naming rights discussion, Ms. Harris made a motion recommending that the BOA consider naming the garden at the north end of Shaw Park the Moneta Garden. Ms. Tamsky seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Anderson Park – Ms. DeForrest brought forward the second naming request submitted by the CCF. This facility naming application requests that the Park at Haddington Court be named Lynne W. and David C. Anderson Park, AKA “Anderson Park.” (See attached application for additional details) The Anderson family recently approached the CCF indicating that they would like to make a gift of \$50,000 designated for the Dog Park project. In exchange for making this “lead gift” they have asked that the City make the legal name of the park “Lynne W. and David C. Anderson Park” and be referenced in terms of signage, geographical and map notations, internet references, etc. as “Anderson Park.”

Ms. DeForrest informed the Commission that this request was brought to the CCF on Saturday, December 1. The reason the park naming rights application was brought forward quickly was because the donor would prefer to make his donation this year. The Anderson family indicated that they will solicit funds from other donors to make the dog park even better than the CCF has planned. They also have great advice on parks usage. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are long term Clayton residents.

A development agreement has not been created; however one is being worked on. Mr. Berkowitz made a motion subject to the BOA and CCF’s successful due diligence regarding the Anderson’s and the completion of the development agreement to move to approve Anderson Park as the new name for Haddington Park. Mr. Bernstein seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Art Selection for Garden:

Ms. DeForrest presented the Ernest Trova art piece selected for the garden at the north end of Shaw Park. The art piece will be placed in the garden and a seating area will be near it. The Moneta Group and CCF-Arts are pleased with the art selection. Ms. DeForrest stated that three other Ernest Trova pieces may be installed in the City; the art is on a twenty-five year loan from Laumeier Sculpture Park.

Director's Report:

The Shaw Park Recreational Trail project is being delayed until March 2013 per the recommendation of the contractor. Winter weather conditions were a major factor in postponing the start of the project.

The Hanley House porch construction is well underway and should be finished in January. The porches will make the first floor and entrance to the Hanley House ADA accessible.

The Enterprise Holdings Pavilion project is going out to bid this week. The restrooms will have a "green" roof. The Center of Clayton Fitness Center equipment replacement will take place in January.

Skate with Frosty and All that Glitters will take place on Friday, December 7.

Old Business / New Business:

Mr. Schneider asked if the City still had a tree donation program. Ms. DeForrest let him know the program is still in place, that the forms are available at The Center and online. In 2013 there will be a Centennial Arbor Day event. An event goal will be to sell one hundred trees. Furthermore, staff is working on a plan to replace, replant and repopulate trees in our parks due to the drought and age of the trees. Six trees will be removed for the trail project, one for the pavilion, and four were removed at the tennis center.

Ms. DeForrest stated that the ice is melting at the ice rink due to the unseasonably warm weather. Mr. Berkowitz asked why the weekend hours at the ice rink are not longer. Ms. DeForrest said a survey that was conducted last year indicated there is little interest in having extended hours on Saturday evenings. After 8:30 pm, hockey groups and private parties are held at the rink.

Mr. Berkowitz said that the indoor Farmer's Market at The Center of Clayton was a success.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Denise Ucinski